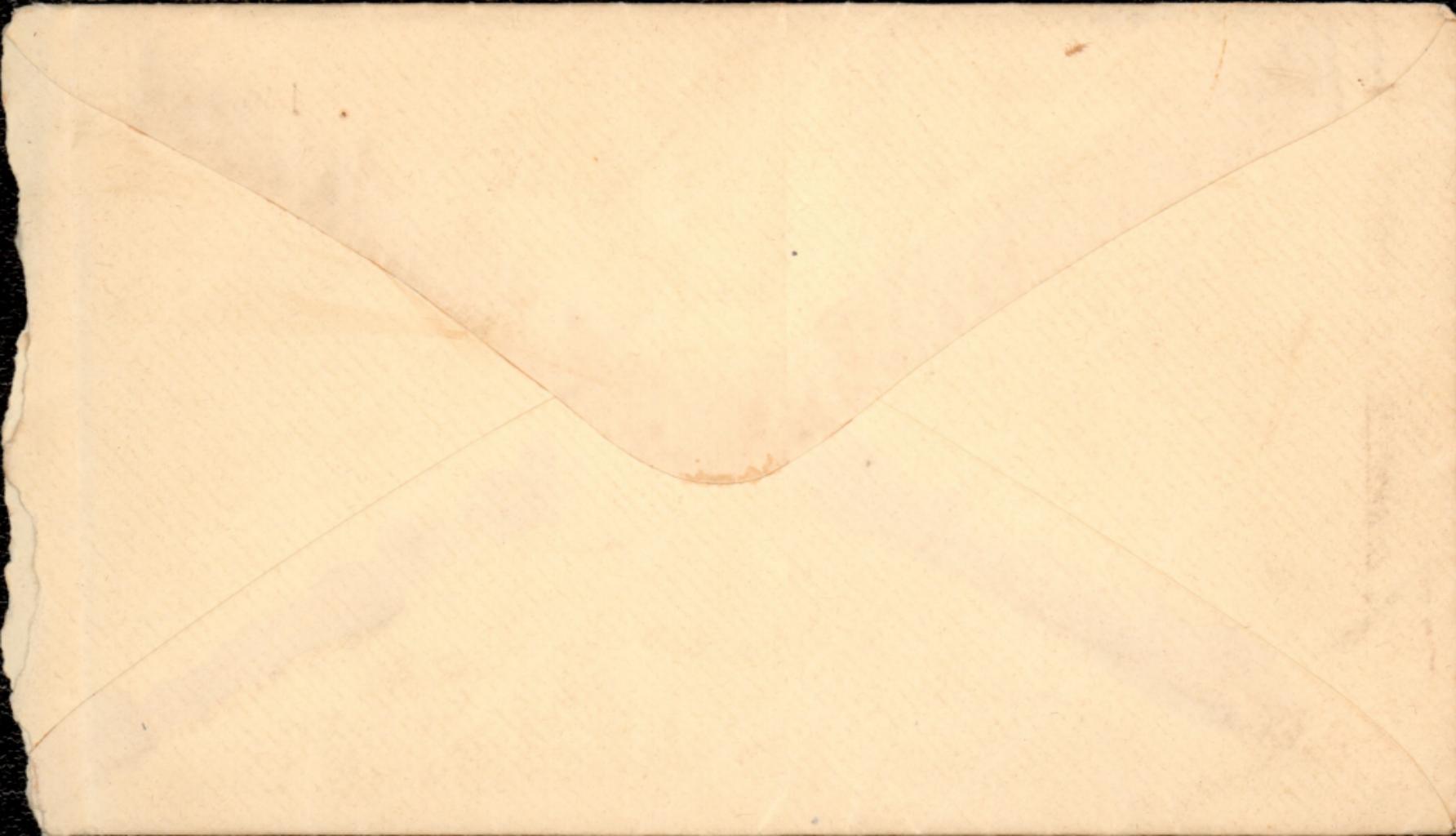


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Camp Park near Nicholasville Ky
August 16th 1863

My Dear Wife Hattie

As I have seen Letters
commenced before now. I take my pen in
hand to inform you I am well & hope you
are enjoying the same heavenly blessing it
is raining some & I think it will rain hard
before long there is heavy Thunder & a consider-
able Lightning we need some rain as the Roads
are getting considerable dusty. the road that
runs by our camp is a macadamized road
it is a splendid road & it beats all that an
awful sight of raining there is on it there are
more private carriages than I have seen in
any other place I have been in it makes
the place seem a great deal more pleasant
here to me on that account Burnside's head
Quarters are on about four miles beyond here
that makes a considerable difference with the
Army trains so much has to go up there I
haven't seen Burnside since I have been back
from Mississippi I would like to see him
for I like his actions pretty well & most of the
men do. We are encamped in a pleasant place
good sod ground & a considerable many large
forest trees. I think we will be apt to remain
here for some time by the actions of things now
there is but one fall & that is on account of
water we have to go a good ways after it but
after it is got it is pretty good it is splendid
compared with what we got in Mississippi
I heard bad news yesterday John Smith he
came & told me Robert Danner was dead I

Was in hopes I would see him again but he
is gone poor fellow & a good fellow how does
Sarah Ann feel & what is she going to do
is she going to remain there on the Farm or
going to her Fathers to live did Rob make any
disposal of his Property. Sarah Ann will have
her hands full three little Children to see to
Ed Ruthroff brought the news in camp he is
in the 3rd Mich Inf & his Brother John is in
this Regiment. What was the matter of Rob any
thing more than his old disease. I am anxious
to hear from you for I want to hear how Willie
Brinkman is getting along I am in hopes I
will get one to day but dont know whether there
will any mail come or not my last letter I got
I believe at Baird Ill I think there must be
a quite a mail some where for the last two
days we only got 3 letters for the company at
one mail & four the other heavy sis what you an
think. I am in hopes I can get away to Louisville
tomorrow but dont know certain as yet I drew
up a request yesterday and took it to my
Col. he approved it and sent them to Brigade
head Quarters for approval & they havnt return
ed. I am in hopes they will come back all
right for I want to go & get my papers
fixed out right so I can get some Money
& I am going to get some clothes such as a
Blouse Coat Pants & vest & cap and I dont
know but I will get me a pair of Boots so if
we do March any right away & it is muddy I
will be in Town. My Boots are to look to as good
as ever but Marching so much in Mississippi and
in the Sand & that being so very hot that the

Soles are cracked most in too on the bottom
where the half soles stop on the bottom but I may
get them fixed but dont know I think they
ought to have their time as I have worn
them since the day or two before we crossed to
go to Fredericksburg & I have worn them most every
day ever since I guess I will get a pair as I will
be sure & get a good fit these fitted me but I mi-
ght not be as lucky again I could get them
cheaper from home than here. I wish I knew
whether I was going to get my leave of absence
approved or not so I could write you. I hard-
ly know whether to send this by mail or not I
think Alie will go home by tomorrow or next day
& if he does I dont know but you would get this
as quick as though I sent it by mail & I dont kn-
ow as I can think of enough to write one to send
both ways. Mrs W. D. Maynard was in camp
this morning I didnt get an opportunity to
speak with her as we were on Regimental ins-
pection when she was here & not being very
well acquainted with her didnt want to put
myself ahead as there were several talking with
her George Maynard is here I have had a little
talk with him. Captain Grants wife was here this
morning in camp I didnt speak with her
for the same reasons I didnt Mrs Maynard
not being much acquainted Col Smiths wife is
down here & I believe the Major has sent her
his a great time sending for wives the offi-
cers get their wives boarded here close by
at private houses I guess the Col that is
Col Smith is going to try and get a chance
to go to Mich with his wife when she

Henry & I are only wish
that you would stay & get to see more
of the country & the people & the way
we live here. I guess our rain is done here
for the present it has rained quite a consider-
able & now the air is as fresh as you pl-
ease I tell you a person can see a great dif-
ference between the air & heat here and in
Mississippi there the air was so heavy and
I seemed to suffe a person almost and then
the Sun seemed to be as hot again as here
when it is equally as clear here as down
there it dont seem to be half as warm I tell
you we up to the North neednt say anything
about its being warm for I have marched
down in old Mississippi when it fairly baked
a fellow & perhaps it has done me good baking
my upper story a little. Hattie you wanted to
know what I mean by Slips there is no meaning
about it only when my Pen Slips or I made
a blot I would say Slips as the Boys playing
marbles will say if a Marble Slips they will say Slips
now havnt I saved one Spunk say Yes for I
have told you never mind Miss if you Slap me
I will **P** I will my den wont you be sorry then
& I wont tell you any more poetry stories I guess
if it wasnt for my Master Papers I had full
as live go to Cincinnati as to Louisville for
I guess I could get clothing full as cheap in
Cincinnati as in Louisville but what little I
get will make but little difference where I get
it. I am going to get me a Cap as all of the
Officers are and I have got to get me a hat or cap
as mine is all worn up & a Cap is a good deal
cheaper. have you heard from Granville
yet. I guess I will close the Boys are all well
Jimmy Samy Joe & all of the boys John is as